

# Phantom of the cinema!

## Dolph Lundgren to become the legendary 'ghost who walks'

BOX-OFFICE heart-throb Dolph Lundgren will take on the much sought-after role of comic book hero The Phantom.

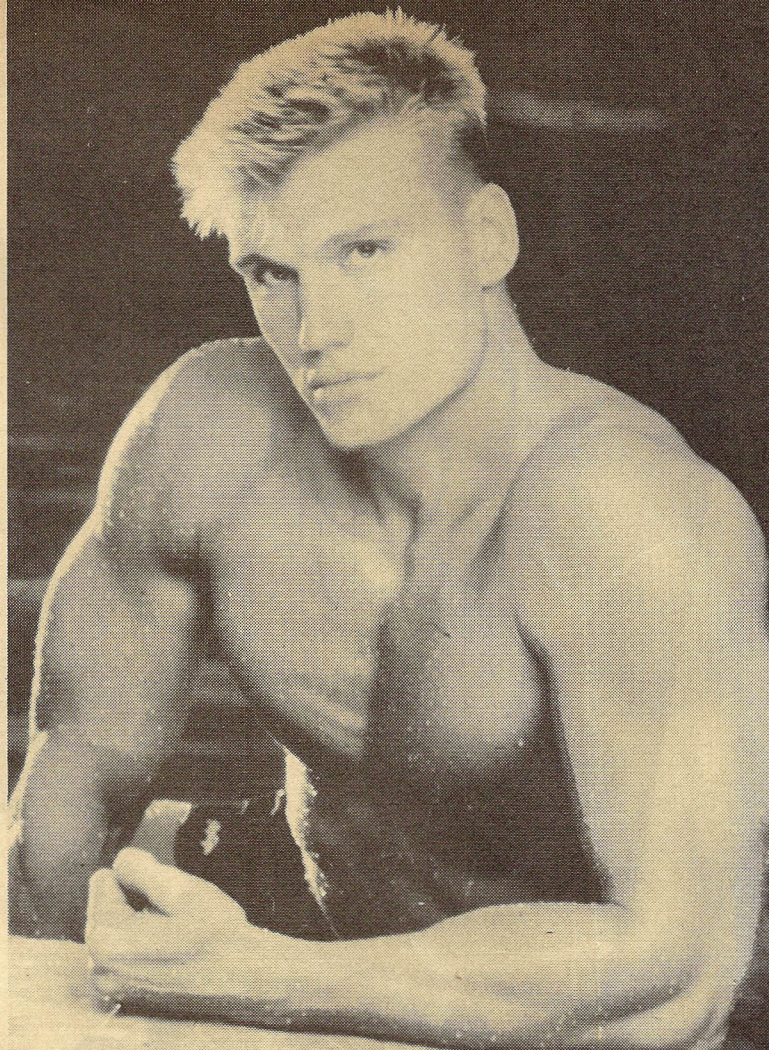
Dolph, who is currently in Australia filming *The Punisher* with Lou Gossett jnr, will take on the lead role in the \$15 million Australian production.

According to TV WEEK sources, he has made a verbal agreement with the producers.

The Phantom movie will involve two of the men behind *Crocodile Dundee*.

Ken Shadie, who co-wrote *Dundee* with Paul Hogan, will script the film about the legendary

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"ghost who walks". Peter Sjoquist — *Dundee*'s production manager and post-production supervisor — and John Torv will act as co-producers.

Lee Falk, who created The Phantom and another comic book hero Mandrake, will act as script consultant on the project.

Obtaining the movie rights to what is still one of the world's most read comic characters was seen as a coup in the film industry.

"King Features, which owns the copyright to The Phantom, receives an offer a fortnight to make a movie," Peter says.

"Until now the syndicate has refused all approaches. We were successful because of our association with *Crocodile Dundee* and because we wanted close consultation with King Features."

Falk created The Phantom in 1936 and today the character is syndicated in more than 1000 newspapers in 40 countries.

His courageous exploits are read by an estimated 100 million people.

"We will definitely not be making a spoof," Peter says.

"The Phantom movie will be in the same vein as *Superman* and *Raiders Of The Lost Ark*."

David Brown

## Second chance

JULIE ANTHONY, John Diedrich and John Deeks will record a second pilot of the new Seven Network game show *Chance Of A Lifetime*.

The three co-hosts have already done one pilot, but Seven executives want some changes made before they give the show the green light to go into a series.

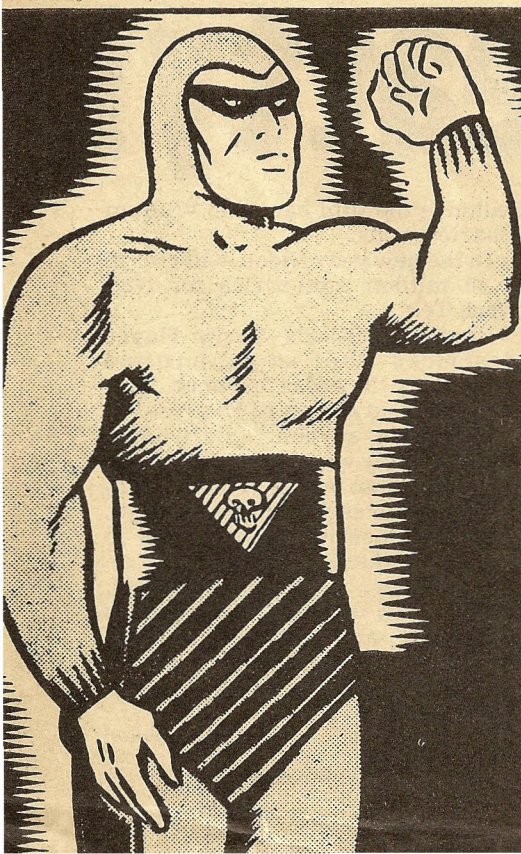
*Chance Of A Lifetime* is described as a "revamped version of *It Could Be You*".

The first, hour-long pilot was recorded in Melbourne last month, but according to an official Seven spokesman the project is "in limbo".

"There were some aspects of the pilot we liked, but there are still a lot of changes to be made," he says.

"The next step is a second pilot. We haven't made a firm decision either way as yet."

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